

FREE ALL IMMIGRATION DETAINEES!

Since September 11th 2001, the US government has increasingly discriminated against Muslim, Arab and South Asian immigrants, targeting them for detention and deportation. On any given day, there are more than 20,000 people in immigration detention and scheduled for deportation, locked up in jails across the U.S. Some are detained for a few weeks or months before they are deported, while others remain jailed for years under harsh conditions- including prolonged time in solitary confinement.



*"No one shall be subjected
to arbitrary arrest, detention
or exile."*

*-- Article 9,
Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

Things to think about:

- > Immigration detention is administrative detention—not a penalty mandated by a court—and is not subject to due process. Immigration violations are the only civil offense for which people are jailed (since debtor's prison was abolished).
- > The US government pays \$50 to \$100 per day to keep each immigration detainee in jail, at a total cost to taxpayers of more than \$545 million a year.
- > Detention and deportation break up US families and create terrible hardships for spouses and children, who often are citizens of the United States.
- > The massive growth of the detention industry since the 1996 laws has not served to make anyone safer, nor has it reduced immigration, which is motivated by outside economic and political conditions.
- > Our Constitution does not distinguish between basic rights for citizens and immigrants, yet our Congress and government has followed a policy of denying basic constitutional rights to immigrants, creating an apartheid system.
- > Detention serves no purpose except to enrich those corporations that use prison labor, and those which get government contracts to build and maintain prisons at the expense of taxpayers.

Act now to demand the release
of ALL immigrant detainees:

**INS Assistant Commissioner for
Detention** David J. Venturella, email
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202-514-8663, fax 202-353-9435

**Call your Congressional
representatives at 202-224-3121 to
demand an end to the detention
policy.**

For information on detainees in your
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